

Atty Dkt No.: 124571-1000  
Application No: 09/920,231

PATENT

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 6-8, 22-28, 30 and 34-36 are pending in this Application. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her assistance over the course of several telephone interviews including those on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004. Pursuant to the telephone interviews, Applicant submits that the Application, as amended, is in allowable form. In the Office Action mailed September 24, 2004, the Examiner:

- 1) rejected Claims 1, 6-8, 23, 24, 30 and 34-36 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,740,757 ("057 Patent") in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 2,886,002 ("002 Patent") and 2,619,252 ("252") under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a);
- 2) rejected Claims 22 and 25-28 as unpatentable over the '057 Patent in view of the '002 Patent and U.S. Patent No. 5,339,996 ("996 Patent") under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a); and
- 3) rejected Claim 29 as unpatentable over the '057 Patent as modified by the '002 Patent and the '996 Patent, as previously applied to Claim 22, and in further view of the '252 Patent, as previously applied to Claim 1, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's arguments and submits that Claims 1, 6-8, 22-28, 30 and 34-36, as amended, are in allowable form. Accordingly, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections cited above.

Atty Dkt No.: 124571-1000

Application No: 09/920,231

PATENT

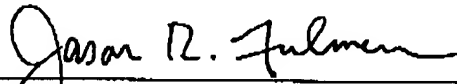
## CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the currently pending claims.

The claims do not increase the total number of claims beyond twenty (20), and as such, no fee is believed to be due. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.18 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, Deposit Account No. 07-0153. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned for any reason that would advance the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 12-2-04  
Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP  
1601 Elm Street, Suite 3000  
Dallas, Texas 75201-4761  
Tel: 214-999-4487  
jfulmer@gardere.com

  
Jason R. Fulmer  
Registration No. 46,715